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FROM AMBASSADOR ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L)  
SUBJECT: ATHERTON TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS - CAIRO

REF: STATE 190772

1. REFTEL CONFIRMED THAT T-39 WOULD BE PRE-POSITIONED CAIRO FOR CONTEMPLATED 1100 DEPARTURE TUESDAY, AUGUST 1. DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE ANTICIPATED THAT T-39 WAS PROCEEDING TO SIGONELLA FRIDAY EVENING AFTER COMPLETION OF SECOND ROUND TRIP FROM TEL AVIV. HOWEVER, EITHER ON TAKEOFF OR LANDING BOTH TIRES HAD BEEN DAMAGED BY GLASS OR OTHER OBJECTS SO THAT PLANE REMAINED ON GROUND CAIRO FRIDAY NIGHT AND REPLACEMENT TIRES WERE FLOWN INTO CAIRO TODAY AND HAVE BEEN INSTALLED.

2. DURING THIS INTERVAL PLANS HAVE BEEN EVOLVING FOR EGYPTIAN AND U.S. SIDES TO FLY TO ALEXANDRIA (NUZHA AIR-BASE) SUNDAY MORNING FOR 1100 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT. EGYPTIANS APPARENTLY PLANNING TO USE EXECUTIVE AIRCRAFT FOR THIS PURPOSE. PLANE ACCOMMODATES 8 PASSENGERS, BUT DEPENDING ON THE TEMPERATURE, THEY FREQUENTLY DECIDE TO LIMIT TO 7, WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE  
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TAKING ALL OF THE NEEDED MEMBERS OF MY AND AMBASSADOR EILTS' STAFF TO THIS MEETING. SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM IS TO RETAIN THE T-39 AND USE IT ON THE CAIRO/ALEXANDRIA/ CAIRO TRIP.

3. WITH A VIEW TO COST EFFECTIVENESS, IT IS OUR UNDER-  
STANDING THAT THE T-39 COSTS \$460 PER EACH HOUR OF FLYING

TIME. THE PER DIEM FOR THE T-39 CREW WHILE IN CAIRO IS \$204 (\$68 PER DAY X 3 CREW MEMBERS). IF THE T-39 WERE TO RETURN TO SIGONELLA AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO CAIRO IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHEDULE IN REFTEL COST WOULD BE \$460 TIMES 8 HOURS OR \$3,680. IF THE T-39 REMAINS IN CAIRO THE PER DIEM COST WOULD BE \$408 (SATURDAY/SUNDAY) AND THE FLIGHT CAIRO/ALEXANDRIA/CAIRO WOULD REQUIRE ONE HOUR AT A COST OF \$460. THE COMBINED PER DIEM AND FLIGHT COST WOULD BE \$868 VERSUS \$3,680 CITED ABOVE.

5. IN VIEW OF THE FAVORABLE COST CONSIDERATION AND THE ESSENTIAL FLEXIBILITY PROVIDED THE MISSION BY BEING ABLE TO INCLUDE NEEDED MEMBERS OF BOTH MY AND AMBASSADOR EILTS' STAFFS IN THE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT, I REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONVEY REQUIREMENT TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO INSTRUCT AIRCRAFT COMMANDER TO REMAIN IN CAIRO UNTIL WE DEPART AUGUST 1. EILTS

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